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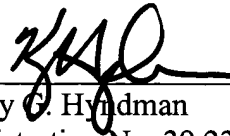Statement to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. A duplicate copy of this paper is attached.

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